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Page 21, line 24, delete "As shown in Fig. 6B, sample" and substitute  
--Sample--.

Page 21, line 36, before " " insert --as shown in Fig. 6B--.

Page 21, line 38, delete "and 6B".

Page 21, line 36, after " " insert -It is found desirable in many instances to  
impress the coated rod R within a specially contoured mould cavity 111 whose concave  
contour will produce the desired convex surface. The coating or the mould or both should be  
heated to accomplish this shaping operation.--

Page 22, lines 6-11, delete "It is found desirable in many instances to impress  
the coated rod R within a specially contoured mould cavity 111 whose concave contour will  
produce the desired convex surface. The coating or the mould or both should be heated to  
accomplish this shaping operation."

Page 34, line 29, before "occurring" insert --rarely--;

Page 34, line 29, delete "remaining".

IN THE DRAWINGS:

In Fig. 2A, change "2A" to --2--.

In Fig. 4A, change "84" to --94--.

In Fig. 5E, add "facet 108."

In Fig. 6A, add "114."

In Fig. 6B, delete arrow 112.

In Fig. 8, add "118."

Please add new claim 47 as follows:

47. (New) A method of producing a convex surface for laser capture microdissection comprising the steps of:

providing a rod with a tip;

providing an activatable adhesive; and,

impressing and adhering the activatable adhesive at the rod tip to leave the adhesive solidified on the rod with the convex surface for laser capture microdissection.

REMARKS

The majority of changes submitted to the specification are mainly typographical. With regard to the changes on page 21 and 22, Applicants show the parts in the drawings, mention the use of heat to melt the material, but did not describe this function. It is believed that the changes therefore do not add new matter.

The changes to the claims are believed to render them more understandable within the meaning of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. New Claim 47 does nothing more than set forth the material appearing in Fig. 6B.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for Examination.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would help clarify any of the above amendments or remarks, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

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